

What is claimed is:

- [1] An agent for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of retinopathy resulting from damage and/or degeneration of the outer retinal layers, which comprises a hepatocyte growth factor as an active ingredient;
- [2] An agent for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of a disease selected from macular degeneration and retinitis pigmentosa, which comprises a hepatocyte growth factor as an active ingredient.
- [3] An agent for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of retinopathy, which comprises a hepatocyte growth factor as an active ingredient.